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LETTER DATED 26 JANUARY 1996 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 985 (1995) CONCERNING LIBERIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia containing an account of the Committee's activities since its establishment until 31 December 1995. The present report, which was adopted by the Committee under the no-objection procedure on 26 January 1996, is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

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Chairman
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 985 (1995)
concerning Liberia

Annex

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. By its resolution 788 (1992) of 19 November 1992, the Security Council, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, imposed a general and complete embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Liberia.

2. On 13 April 1995, the Security Council, in paragraph 4 of its resolution 985 (1995), established a committee consisting of all members of the Council to undertake the following tasks and to report on its work to the Council with its observations and recommendations:

(a) To seek from all States information regarding the action taken by them concerning the effective implementation of the embargo imposed by paragraph 8 of resolution 788 (1992);

(b) To consider any information brought to its attention by States concerning violations of the embargo, and in that context to make recommendations to the Council on ways of increasing the effectiveness of the embargo;

(c) To recommend appropriate measures in response to violations of the embargo imposed by paragraph 8 of resolution 788 (1992) and to provide information on a regular basis to the Secretary-General for general distribution to Member States.

3. The Committee's bureau, as elected at its first meeting of each year, consists of a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen. The Chairman is elected in his/her personal capacity for the calendar year. For 1995, the bureau consisted of Ambassador Gerardo Martínez Blanco (Honduras) as Chairman, with the delegations of Indonesia and Italy providing the two Vice-Chairmen.

4. The Committee adopted the present report under the no-objection procedure on 26 January 1996. The purpose of the report is to present a factual summary of the Committee's activities since its establishment in 1993 until 31 December 1995, during which time it held two meetings.

II. SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

5. At its 2nd meeting, held on 25 May 1995, the Committee considered and adopted the guidelines for the conduct of its work, which were transmitted to all States and international organizations on 7 June 1995. In addition, an appeal was also addressed on the same day, by means of a press release, to governmental or non-governmental organizations as well as individuals for any

information they might have on violations or suspected violations of the embargo imposed against Liberia (United Nations press release SC/6049).

6. During the period under review, the Committee did not receive from Member States any reports on alleged violations of the arms embargo.